

## Amber Wright

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**From:** Alfreda Tillman Bester  
**Sent:** Friday, November 18, 2016 11:50 AM  
**To:** Dora Thomas  
**Subject:** Re: Louisiana Alliance for Life Inquiry

Please call me at 225-955-3265.

On Nov 18, 2016, at 10:45 AM, Dora Thomas <[Dora.Thomas.DCFS@LA.GOV](mailto:Dora.Thomas.DCFS@LA.GOV)> wrote:

Good morning,

Attached is the email sent to Ms. Thomas on yesterday regarding an invoice received from the Family Values Resource Institute. The last correspondence I have on file for Ms. Thomas is the email sent regarding the changes Ms. Thomas made to the contract that was sent to her for signature on October 7, 2016. We need to find out if Ms. Thomas agrees to the service areas included in the award letter sent to her regarding the Alternative to Abortion RFP. The contract cannot be executed with Family Values Resource Institute until this issue has been resolved.

As a reminder, the contract that was sent to Ms. Thomas on October 7, 2016 for signature was returned on October 20, 2016 with changes made to the document by Ms. Thomas. As a result of the changes made to the document by Ms. Thomas, an email along with an attached letter was sent to Ms. Thomas informing her that the information included on the contract document sent to her on October 7, 2016 could not be changed.

As of 10:30 this morning, November 18, 2016 the DCFS ES Contract Section has not received a response from Ms. Thomas.

Dora

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**From:** Alfreda Tillman Bester  
**Sent:** Friday, November 18, 2016 8:54 AM  
**To:** Dora Thomas  
**Cc:** Shellie Boen; Sammy Guillory; Alfreda Tillman Bester  
**Subject:** Louisiana Alliance for Life Inquiry

Good morning, Dora.

See below. Would you please research the below inquiry and advise ASAP?

Alfreda Tillman Bester, MBA, JD  
Assistant Secretary of Family Support  
Louisiana Department of Children & Family Services  
627 N. Fourth Street  
Baton Rouge, LA 70802  
225-342-3877

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**From:** Terri Ricks  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 17, 2016 4:49 PM  
**To:** Alfreda Tillman Bester; Sammy Guillory  
**Cc:** Marketa G. Walters  
**Subject:** Fwd: Letter

Alfreda and Sammy,  
Please research and provide an answer to Marketa and I so that we can send it to the Governor's office. Thanks.

Terri P. Ricks  
Deputy Secretary/Executive Counsel  
Department of Children and Family Services  
225-933-7410

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Erin Monroe Wesley <[Erin.MonroeWesley@la.gov](mailto:Erin.MonroeWesley@la.gov)>  
**Date:** November 17, 2016 at 4:42:15 PM CST  
**To:** "Marketa G. Walters" <[Marketa.Walters@LA.GOV](mailto:Marketa.Walters@LA.GOV)>, Terri Ricks <[Terri.Ricks.DCFS@LA.GOV](mailto:Terri.Ricks.DCFS@LA.GOV)>  
**Cc:** Steven Spires <[Steven.Spires@la.gov](mailto:Steven.Spires@la.gov)>  
**Subject:** FW: Letter

Marketa & Terri –

Can you assist us in responding to the constituent request from Sen. Long's office? Thanks.

Erin

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**From:** Long, Sen. (District Office) [<mailto:longg@legis.la.gov>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 17, 2016 4:38 PM  
**To:** Erin Monroe Wesley  
**Subject:** Letter

Erin, this is the information I think that you need. Let me know if I need to do anything.

Sorry about the confusion.

**Myrtle Lasyone**

Legislative Assistant to  
**Senator Gerald Long**  
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Winnfield, LA 71483  
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Fax 318-628-6120  
[longg@legis.la.gov](mailto:longg@legis.la.gov)

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**From:** Andrea Phillips [<mailto:thePhillipsx6@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 07, 2016 6:54 PM

**To:** Long, Sen. (District Office)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Letter for your dad

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Kathleen Richard <[kathleen@lifechoicesncla.org](mailto:kathleen@lifechoicesncla.org)>  
**Date:** November 4, 2016 at 12:33:00 PM CDT  
**To:** Andrea Phillips <[thePhillipsx6@gmail.com](mailto:thePhillipsx6@gmail.com)>  
**Subject:** Letter for your dad

Senator Long,

Thank you so very much your willingness to help us figure out the status of the state funding for many of Louisiana's pregnancy centers. Here is a brief history of the past six months.

The abortion alternatives grant three year funding cycle ended June 2016. We are a part of a larger coalition of pregnancy centers that receive funding called Louisiana Alliance for Life (LAFL). ( I believe there is a second group of pregnancy centers who also receive funding.). LAFL applied for the funding when the new RFP was issued by DCFS.

The original RFP was canceled because the state did not properly advertise for it. It was later re-issued and LAFL was notified that we did receive that grant award to begin October 1. (There were delays due to the flooding.) However, our contractor has yet to receive a contract from the state. It is my understanding that they have left several messages and cannot get any answers as to when documents may be signed and money will be awarded.

As we come into budget planning season, answers would be very helpful in planning for the next year. Thanks for helping us find out where the state is in issuing this award.

Sincerely,  
Kathleen Richard

P.S. Your family is a treasure to me and my husband!

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**Kathleen B. Richard, LMSW**  
**Executive Director**  
**Life Choices of North Central Louisiana**  
**211 West Texas Avenue**  
**Ruston, LA 71270**  
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